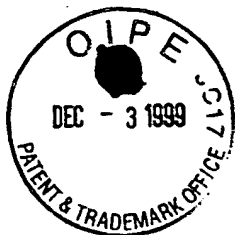


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA, ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/129,603)
Filed: August 5, 1998)
For: NOVEL PROTEIN)
Examiner: Carrie Stroup
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated November 22, 1999 in the above-identified application, as follows.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

Group I (Claim 1), drawn to protein; or

Group II (Claims 2-17), drawn to DNA, transformants and processes; and

Group III (Claims 18-21), drawn to antibodies and methods.